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Dear Bob:

Thank you for your recent letter and bringing to my attention your participation in the Human Rights Commission. I have forwarded your statements to the appropriate Agency components for their information.

It is always nice hearing from you.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: George V. Lauder
Director, Public Affairs Office
SUBJECT: Note of Appreciation to Mr. E. Robert Wallach

It is requested that you sign the attached note of appreciation to
Mr. E. Robert Wallach.

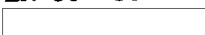

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March 26, 1986

Honorable William Casey, Director,
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Dear Bill:

It is with a sense of pride, and I confess some ego, that I enclose a copy of two of the statements I made upon the floor of the Human Rights Commission. They both relate to the issue of the Ethiopian resettlement of their beleaguered populace. It is the issue which I undertook as a prime responsibility during my initial six week venture at the Human Rights Commission.

The text of the "statement" was approximately two third prepared that morning, and one-third extemporaneous.

The "Right of Reply" on the motion to take no decision was fully extemporaneous.

Best personal regards,


e, robert (bob) wallach
lawyer counselor

Enclosures



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Statement by

e. robert (bob) wallach

On the

Motion to Take No Decision

(On the U.S. Resolution on Ethiopia)

March 12, 1986

MR. CHAIRMAN. LET ME BEGIN BY EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE INTONATION AND MANNER OF PRESENTATION BY THE DISTINGUISHED AMBASSADOR OF SENEGAL ON THIS ISSUE. AT THE SAME TIME WE REGRET THIS MOTION FOR IT IS INDEED A MISPLACED UNDERTAKING BY HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES OF HONORABLE NATIONS. IT SERVES NO EFFECTIVE PURPOSE FOR ANY MEMBER NATION OF THIS BODY TO AVOID THE ISSUES WHICH ARE FOREMOST IN THE MINDS OF THE REAL WORLD OF WHICH WE ARE ALL A PART. IT LENDS NO CREDIBILITY, AND QUITE OBVIOUSLY DETRACTS FROM WHATEVER CREDIBILITY STILL REMAINS OF THIS BODY, FOR US NOT TO SPEAK AND TO SPEAK ELOQUENTLY AND IN HARMONY WITH THE REALITY ON THOSE ISSUES OF WHICH THE WORLD IS WELL AWARE.

IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT WE MAINTAIN A SINGLE STANDARD OF ADHERENCE, A HIGH STANDARD, A STANDARD THAT DOES US ALL PROUD, A STANDARD WHICH PROTECTS THE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE AND IN EVERY NATION. NOT A STANDARD WHICH SOMEHOW SUGGESTS THAT ALLEGATIONS OF VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA OR IN COUNTRIES OF OTHER REGIONS OF THE WORLD DESERVE OUR GREATER ATTENTION THAN DO ALLEGATIONS OF THE VIOLATIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THOSE COUNTRIES. PROUD COUNTRIES, MEMBERS OF THE SUBCONTINENT OF AFRICA. IT DOES NO GLORY TO KEEP FROM

INQUIRING INTO ANY GOVERNMENT'S CONDUCT WHICH MAY UPON
ULTIMATE REVELATION CAST SHAME UPON THOSE WHO HAVE NOT
UNDERTAKEN EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID THE CONSEQUENCE OF BRUTAL
CONDUCT OR ANY VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

NEXT YEAR WE SHALL MEET AGAIN AND IN THAT INTERVENING
TIME, AS SURE AS WE SIT HERE TONIGHT, EVENTS WILL
TRANSPIRE IN ETHIOPIA WHICH WILL SPEAK EITHER WELL FOR THE
CONDUCT OF THAT GOVERNMENT OR ELOQUENTLY UPON OUR FAILURE
TO HAVE SPOKEN AND ACTED AT THIS TIME IF THIS MOTION IS
PASSED. WE SHALL HAVE TO LIVE WITH THAT AND NOT BE ABLE
TO HIDE BEHIND ANY KIND OF FACADE OF INSTRUCTION FROM HOME
OR UPON ANY WISH THAT THINGS WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER THAN
THEY ACTUALLY TURNED OUT TO BE.

WE THANK THE AMBASSADOR OF SENEGAL FOR GIVING TO THE
UNITED STATES AND THE OTHER WESTERN NATIONS WHO STOOD
FORWARD AND FAST FOR THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA THE CREDIT
WHICH THEY SO TRULY DESERVE. WE THANK HIM FOR SAYING THAT
HE SAW NO EVIDENCE OF POLITICAL MOTIVATION IN OUR EFFORTS
AT THAT TIME. WE SAY AGAIN TO THE MEMBERS OF THIS
COMMISSION WHAT THE REPRESENTATIVE OF ETHIOPIA DID NOT

CHOOSE TO DEAL WITH. IT IS THE SAME GOVERNMENT NOW AS IT WAS WHEN WE BEGAN OUR MASSIVE AID PROGRAMS. ALL THAT HAS CHANGED IS THAT REPETITIVE EVIDENCE OF ABUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS FROM INDEPENDENT SOURCES OF CREDIBILITY HAVE SURFACED REPEATEDLY AND IN SUCH A WAY AS TO NO LONGER PERMIT US TO AVOID THEM. IF IN FACT ALL OF THE EXPLANATIONS SUGGESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA AND SUGGESTED AND HOPED FOR BY THE AMBASSADOR OF SENEGAL PROVED TO BE TRUE THEN SHOULD IT NOT BE THIS BODY IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE THE PRAISE AND ACCOLADE WHICH IT WILL DESERVE--IF IN FACT THAT IS THE REALITY.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ENTERED THIS ARENA OF AID TO THOSE WHO NEEDED IT IN GOOD FAITH. IT IS OUR FERVENT HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE IN THAT ARENA. BUT, NO NATION CAN CONTINUE WHILE MAINTAINING A BLIND EYE TO EVIDENCE OF ABUSE OR OF THE DESTRUCTION OF THE GOALS FOR WHICH THE AID IS INTENDED.

MR. CHAIRMAN, THE QUESTION BEFORE US IS NOT THE VICTORY OR DEFEAT OF THIS RESOLUTION. THE QUESTION BEFORE US IS THE INTEGRITY AND SENSE OF OBLIGATION OF THIS BODY. THE U.S. DOES NOT HERE SEEK A NUMERICAL VICTORY. OUR CONSTITUENCY

DOES NOT SIT IN THIS ROOM. OUR CONSTITUENCY HAS BEEN, IS, AND WILL BE EVERY CHILD, EVERY MOTHER, EVERY FATHER EVERY FAMILY UNIT ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD WHERE LIVES ARE THREATENED BY THE TOTALITARIAN REGIMES INCLUDING THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT. WHERE THOSE ALLEGATIONS ARE MADE WE WILL RESPOND AND IF NECESSARY WE WILL RESPOND ALONE. BUT FORTUNATELY THAT IS NOT THE CASE. WE ARE JOINED BY OTHER NATIONS OF GOODWILL.

WE ASK THAT EVERY NATION EXPRESS ITS OWN CONCERN FOR THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA BY RESPONDING TO THE SIMPLE LANGUAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION. IT NEITHER CONDEMNS NOR ACCUSES. IT ASKS ONLY FOR ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES EVERY NATION BELIEVES IN, OR SAYS IT BELIEVES IN, BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS BODY. IF THAT IS DONE, AND IF THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA IS CORRECT IN WHAT IT HAS TO SAY THEN IT CAN STAND TALL AND PROUD IN THIS BODY. IF IT IS NOT TRUE, AND WE HAVE NOT ACTED, THEN HOW CAN WE HOLD OUR HEADS UP TO ALL THE WORLD AS REPRESENTATIVES OF AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION THAT CARES FOR THE PEOPLE WE ARE DEEMED TO REPRESENT AND WHO HAVE NO CAPACITY TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

WE ASK NOT ONLY FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO VOTE UPON THIS RESOLUTION. WE ASK NOT ONLY FOR YOUR VOTE ON THIS RESOLUTION. WE ASK YOU TO JOIN IN THIS COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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STATEMENT
OF
e. robert ("bob") wallach
ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES
TO THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
OF THE UNITED NATIONS
ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND FAMINE RELIEF
IN ETHIOPIA *

Under Agenda Item No. 12

**"Question of the violation of human rights
and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world."**

Geneva

March 12, 1986

MR. CHAIRMAN. MEMBERS OF THIS CONFERENCE. IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO SUBMIT, UPON BEHALF OF THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA. THIS IS NOT A RESOLUTION WHICH SEEKS TO CONDEMN IN ADVANCE. IT IS NOT A RESOLUTION WHICH CALLS FOR A SPECIAL RAPPOREUR. FOR THOSE WHO ARE CONCERNED THAT EVEN THE NAMING OF SO EMINENT A DEVICE OF INQUIRY CARRIES AN IMPLICATION OF WRONGDOING. IT IS NOT A RESOLUTION WHICH HIGHLIGHTS AND ENUMERATES THE MANY MONTHS OF HORRENDOUS HORROR, VIOLENCE AND MISERY WHICH ARE ATTRIBUTED TO THE MOVEMENT OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ETHIOPIANS WITHIN THEIR OWN LAND BY THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT. IT IS INSTEAD A RESOLUTION DESIGNED TO AFFORD THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS; TO WORK WITH THEM IN FULL COOPERATION; AND, TO RETURN HERE NEXT YEAR WITH A FULL OPPORTUNITY FOR A FAIR AND OBJECTIVE EVALUATION OF THEIR CONDUCT TOWARDS THEIR OWN PEOPLE.

FOR MONTHS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES JOINED BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS, PRIVATE CITIZENS, AND RELIEF AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN WORLD HAVE PROGRESSED FROM CONCERN TO ANXIETY OVER INCREASING AND CONTINUOUS REPORTS OF GROSS VIOLATIONS OF THE MOST BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS TO WHICH ALL CITIZENS ARE ENTITLED. IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE UNITED STATES, THROUGH THE VEHICLE OF THIS RESOLUTION, TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA TO RESPOND TO THESE ALLEGATIONS BY

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CONDUCT WHICH IS VIEWED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO BE BOTH HONORABLE AND IN THE INTERESTS OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE. IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EACH MEMBER OF THIS COMMISSION TO DEMONSTRATE GOOD FAITH COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

THERE IS NO POLITICAL MOTIVATION WHICH UNDERLIES THIS RESOLUTION. INDEED, MEMBERS OF THIS CONFERENCE, IT IS WITH CONSIDERABLE QUESTION THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION HAS VIEWED BOTH THE STATEMENTS AND THE RECENT PRESS RELEASE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA WHICH RELY SO HEAVILY UPON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THESE U.S. CONCERNS ARISE FROM A POLITICAL BASIS. TO CONTEND SUCH IS IN DIRECT CONTRADICTION OF WHAT IS THE OBVIOUS FACT; A FACT OF WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA IS MOST INTIMATELY FAMILIAR. THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER NATIONS OF THE WESTERN WORLD HAVE UNHESITATINGLY CONTRIBUTED HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN BOTH FOOD AND AID; DESPITE THE ANNOUNCED POLITICAL HOSTILITY OF THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT TO THE WEST; DESPITE ITS ADHERENCE TO A MARXIST PHILOSOPHY WHICH CONDEMNS THE WEST, DESPITE ITS EXPRESSIONS OF PERSONAL ANIMOSITY TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES IN PARTICULAR. OUR CONCERN HAS BEEN, IS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE A PROFOUND CARING FOR THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA.

WE ARE VERY COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA HAVE A HERITAGE AND CULTURE WHICH DESERVES AND

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RECEIVES THE ADMIRATION OF THE UNITED STATES (AND MANY OTHERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD). IT IS INCONCEIVABLE AND INCORRECT TO SUGGEST THAT OUR CONCERN IS NOW IN SOME WAY INCONSISTENT WITH THAT CONCERN WHICH INITIALLY LED THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER WESTERN NATIONS TO UNHESITATINGLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELL-BEING OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED BY (IF YOU CAN USE THAT TERM) THE SAME GOVERNMENT WHICH NOW PROTESTS OUR CURRENT APPREHENSIONS.

WE SUBMIT THIS RESOLUTION IN THE CONTEXT OF OPEN ADMISSIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA OF WHAT THEY DESCRIBE AS ERRORS AND MISTAKES OF LOCAL OFFICIALS BUT DO NOT DENY OCCURRED. WE SUBMIT THIS RESOLUTION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE REMARKS OF THESE ETHIOPIAN REPRESENTATIVES INVITING INSPECTION AND INQUIRY. WE SUBMIT THIS RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF A NOTABLE OMISSION IN THOSE REPRESENTATIONS BY ^{the} ETHIOPIAN REPRESENTATIVE. WE ASK ALL HERE ASSEMBLED TO NOTE, AS UNDOUBTEDLY YOU HAVE ALREADY DONE, THAT AT NO TIME HAS THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA OPENLY COMMITTED ITSELF ON THE FLOOR OF THIS BODY TO AN INDEPENDENT AND IMPARTIAL INQUIRY BY ANY AGENCY OF THE UNITED NATIONS. IT CANNOT BE AN ACCEPTED PRINCIPLE THAT A GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS ACKNOWLEDGED ERROR IN THE TREATMENT OF ITS OWN PEOPLE AND INVITED INSPECTION, MAY THEN ESTABLISH THE RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF THAT INSPECTION. IN THE LAST WEEK, ON TWO DIFFERENT OCCASIONS, AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES ^{of REGIMES} CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA HAVE

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BEEN DENIED ACCESS BY THAT GOVERNMENT TO VISIT THE AREAS FOR THE SIMPLE PURPOSE OF OBSERVING THE CONDITIONS.

IT SHOULD BE APPARENT THAT ANY NATION WHICH AFFIXES ITS SIGNATURE AND ITS NATIONAL HONOR TO THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD BE READY TO ABIDE BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMMISSION AND THE UNITED NATIONS AS A POSITIVE VERIFICATION OF ITS COMMITMENT TO PROTECT THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ITS CITIZENS.

CONTRARY TO ASSERTIONS, NO ONE HAS REQUIRED OF ETHIOPIA THAT IT DO FOR ITS CITIZENS WHAT IT CLAIMS ITS ECONOMY CANNOT AFFORD. ALL THAT HAS BEEN ASKED IS THAT THEY EXTEND TO THEIR OWN CITIZENS THE DECENT TREATMENT WHICH THEIR GOVERNMENT HAS PROMISED ITS CITIZENS BY ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THIS BODY.

THE UNITED STATES SUBMITS THIS RESOLUTION WITH AN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE RESULTS OF ANY YEAR OF ACTIVITY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CANNOT HAVE A PREDICTABLE RESULT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN THIS MATTER RETURNS, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION, TO THIS BODY, THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA WILL HAVE HAD EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH CONCLUSIVELY ITS ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THIS BODY. HOW CAN ANY NATION OBJECT TO SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY IF, IN FACT, IT IS AS CERTAIN OF ITS ABSENCE OF WRONGDOING AS WE HAVE

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BEEN TOLD BY THE ETHIOPIAN REPRESENTATIVE! WHAT POSSIBLE JUSTIFICATION CAN THEY OFFER FOR AVOIDING THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS RESOLUTION?

PERHAPS AS GREAT A TRAGEDY IN ALL OF THIS LIES IN THE NOW BLIGHTED ENTHUSIASM WITH WHICH THIS MASSIVE RELIEF PROJECT BEGAN. JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO, MILLIONS OF PEOPLE RESPONDED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA'S IMPASSIONED PLEAS FOR HELP. WESTERN GOVERNMENTS, MANY OF WHOM HAD ALREADY MADE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO RELIEF EFFORTS IN ETHIOPIA INCREASED THEIR GRANTS, THEIR CREDITS AND THEIR LOANS. MOST OF THESE GOVERNMENTS ARE REPRESENTED IN THIS ROOM. IT IS WITH CONSIDERABLE PRIDE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS PRIVILEGED TO BE AMONG THEM.

TODAY, EVERY SECTION OF THE FREE WORLD KNOWS OF THE DISMAY AND UNCERTAINTY WHICH SURROUNDS THE PLIGHT OF THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE. DESCRIPTIVE PORTRAYALS HAVE FILLED THE NEWSPAPERS AND BEEN TRANSMITTED INTO THE HOMES OF COUNTLESS TENS OF MILLIONS BY TELEVISION AND RADIO AND HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF ANGUISHED CONCERN BY PUBLIC AND RELIGIOUS FIGURES IN MANY LANDS. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO REMIND ANYONE HERE THAT THIS CONCERN DID NOT ORIGINATE IN THE UNITED STATES BUT WITH THE PROTESTATIONS OF THOSE WHO HAD GONE TO ETHIOPIA SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRIBUTING THEIR EFFORT AND, LATELY THEIR BLOOD, ON BEHALF OF

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THOSE PEOPLE.

TODAY, EVERY DELEGATE IS AWARE THAT WE HAVE, YET AGAIN, SEEN SHED INNOCENT BLOOD OF SELFLESS AND DEDICATED AMERICAN HUMANITARIANS. WE READ IN TODAY'S HERALD TRIBUNE THAT TWO YOUNG AMERICAN WOMEN, ONE A NURSE, ONE A REFUGEE WORKER WERE MURDERED; INJURY TO FOUR OTHERS; AND ABDUCTION OF A FIFTH, ALL ACCOMPLISHED BY "UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS" WHILE PART OF A MISSION TO BRING RELIEF TO THOSE THEY DID NOT KNOW, BUT FOR WHOM THE LIMIT OF THEIR COMPASSION WAS ENDLESS. THEY WERE AS FREE OF POLITICAL MOTIVATION AND AS FULL OF CONCERN FOR THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE AS IS THE SPIRIT OF THIS RESOLUTION, IN WHICH WE ASK YOU TO JOIN.

THIS IS NOT PART OF AN EAST-WEST CONFRONTATION. THIS IS NOT AN ISSUE TO BE MADE A SUBJECT OF A CLEVER PARLIAMENTARY MANEUVER THAT AVOIDS CONFRONTING THE REALITY OF THE DAILY MISERY WHICH WE FIRMLY BELIEVE TO BE SUFFERED BY THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA. IT IS, INSTEAD, AN OPPORTUNITY TO INVOKE THE PRINCIPLE THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO DEFEND: THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF CITIZENS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, REGARDLESS OF THEIR RACE, THEIR ECONOMIC POSITION, THEIR ETHNIC BACKGROUND, THEIR GENDER, THEIR RELIGIOUS PERSUASION OR THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF THEIR POLITICAL POWER. IT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE THAT THIS BODY COULD CONCLUDE ITS DISCUSSIONS WITHOUT DIRECTING THE INTENSITY OF ITS

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HIGHEST INTELLECTUAL EFFORT TO A HUMAN CRISIS WHICH IS ONGOING AND OF A PROPORTION, MAGNITUDE AND IMMEDIACY WHICH IS UNMATCHED BY ANY OTHER SUBJECT TO WHICH WE HAVE DIRECTED OUR ATTENTION.

WE SIMPLY CANNOT REMAIN SILENT. WE ARE PART OF THE REAL WORLD. WE ARE CONCERNED WITH WHAT IS THE GREATEST REALITY: THE STRUGGLE FOR A LIFE OF DECENCY, DIGNITY, AND FREEDOM FROM MISERY BY THOSE WHO HAVE NO CAPACITY TO SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES AND WHO MUST RELY UPON US TO BE THEIR ARDENT ADVOCATE.

HISTORY IS FULL OF SAD EXAMPLES OF TIMES WHEN PLEAS WERE NOT HEARD, OR IF THEY WERE HEARD, WERE IGNORED. IT IS PAINFULLY POIGNANT THAT ALMOST FIFTY YEARS AGO IN THIS VERY CITY; IN A FORUM ALMOST IDENTICAL TO OUR OWN; IN THIS, THE MISNOMERED PALACE OF NATIONS -- IT WAS ETHIOPIA WHICH CALLED UPON THE WORLD TO NO AVAIL. IF HISTORY IS OUR TEACHER, WE CANNOT TURN AWAY A SECOND TIME.

THIS RESOLUTION IS SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ACTING WITH GREAT PRIDE IN OUR ROLE AND IN THE INTERESTS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA. IT IS SUBMITTED IN GOOD FAITH AND IN HOPE THAT THERE IS STILL TIME IN WHICH TO REACH OUT TO THE PROJECTED MILLION OR MORE CITIZENS OF ETHIOPIA WHOM ITS GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED THEY INTEND TO RELOCATE. IT IS SUBMITTED WITHOUT AN EFFORT HERE TO

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RECATALOGUE THE MULTIPLE EYEWITNESS RECITATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. WE HAVE INTRODUCED THIS RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PRINCIPLE THAT DONOR AID MUST BE USED IN A MANNER IN ACCORDANCE WITH ^{FUNDAMENTAL} HUMAN RIGHTS. NO GOVERNMENT IS EXEMPT FROM THIS REQUIREMENT. SHOULD THIS RESOLUTION BE REJECTED, THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO FOCUS THE ATTENTION OF ALL ON THIS SUBJECT IN ALL APPROPRIATE FORUMS AS A CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE. IF WE HAVE NOT ACTED, FELLOW DELEGATES, HOW CAN WE THEN FACE THE SCRUTINY OF THE WORLD AS THE AGENCY CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS AND WHICH HAS ELECTED TO STAND ASIDE WITH EYES CLOSED.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THIS COMMISSION, AT THE INCEPTION OF THIS EFFORT, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SPOKE FOR ALL OF US AND SAID, "WE, THE HUMANITARIAN NATIONS OF THE WORLD, HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO AFRICA ITSELF, A RESPONSIBILITY TO THOSE LITTLE CHILDREN." NOT ONLY HAS THAT RESPONSIBILITY PROCEEDED UNDIMINISHED TO THIS DAY, WE NOW HAVE THE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING EVERY CONCERTED AND CONSCIENTIOUS EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THOSE MILLIONS WHO CONTRIBUTED OUT OF THE GENEROSITY OF THEIR HEARTS AND WHO SOUGHT NOTHING BUT THE RELIEF OF MISERY FOR FELLOW CITIZENS OF THE WORLD RECEIVE FROM US OUR BEST EFFORTS TO ASCERTAIN THE TRUTH; BOTH TO CORRECT PAST WRONGS AND TO PROVIDE STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES

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OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO WHICH WE HAVE DEDICATED OURSELVES. WE ASK FOR YOUR VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS RESOLUTION AND NOT IN OPPOSITION TO ANYONE, BUT ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA. THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN.*

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*MR. WALLACH WISHES TO EXTEND HIS DEEPEST APPRECIATION TO FELLOW DELEGATE MEMBERS, MR. JOSEPH A. MORRIS, ESQUIRE, AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAURA GENERO FOR THEIR VALUED CONTRIBUTION TO THIS STATEMENT.